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(71) We, WALLACE & THENAN INC., a Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America, of 91 South Harrison Street, City of East Orange, State of New Jersey, United States of America, do hereby declare the invention, for which we pray that a Patent may be granted to us, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:-

The invention relates to substituted 1,2,4,5-tetrahydro-3H,3-benzazepines. The compounds of this invention are useful as agents for producing analgesia and thus relieving pain in animals. They are also useful as antagonists of narcotics such

As used throughout the following description and claims, the term "lower" means a group containing from 1 to 5 carbon atoms. According to the present invention there is provided a compound of the formula:

Formula I

or the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts thereof, wherein R is H, lower alkyl; dialkylamino-alkyl, lower alkenyl containing 3—6 carbon atoms: aryl-C₂—C₀ alkenyl; cycloalkyl-alkyl, for example 2-(1-adamantyl)-ethyl-(adamantyl moiety unsubstituted or substituted with NH₂, OH, OCH₃, halogen, alkyl); aryl-cycloalkyl-alkyl, propargyl; aryl-lower alkyl, the aryl group selected from phenyl, myl, mitrophenyl aminophenyl, acylaminophenyl, methoxyphenyl, hydroxyphenyl, methylaminophenyl, ethylaminophenyl, or dimethylaminophenyl; a lower alkyl ester of hydroxyalkyl: a heterocyclic group, an alkyl group substituted by a heterocyclic ring (unsubstituted or substituted with one or more phenyl, hydroxyl or acyl groups), 2-phthalimidoethyl-(the phenyl moiety unsubstituted of substituted in any of the remaining positions with NH₄, OH, OCH₄, halogen, alkyl); 2-(2-isoindollnyl)-ethyl-(the phenyl moiety unsubstituted or 15 . 20

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2 1,268,243 substituted in any of the remaining positions with NH₂, OH, OCH₃, halogen, alkyl); 2-[4-benzyl-1-piperazinyl]-ethyl-(the phenyl moiety unsubstituted or substituted in the o, m, or p-position with NH₂, OH, OCH₃); 2-(4-phenyl-1-piperazinyl)-ethyl-(the phenyl moiety unsubstituted or substituted in the o, m, p-position with NH₃, OH, OCH₃, halogen, alkyl); 2-[4-(o-methylbenzyl)-1-piperazinyl]-ethyl-(the phenyl moiety unsubstituted or substituted in the o, m, or p-position with NH₂, OH, OCH₃, halogen, alkyl): R² is hydrogen substituted in the o, m, or p-position with NH₂, OH, OCH₃, halogen, alkyl; R² is hydrogen bower alkyl; R² and R² are hydrogen and R² is hydrogen priodine carboxylic acid ester of hydroxy group, amino, lower alkyl, halogen or nitro; R² and R² are hydrogen, lower alkyl, phenyl or phenylalkyl; R² is hydrogen, lower alkyl, phenyl or phenylalkyl; R² is hydrogen, lower alkyl, phenyl or phenylalkyl; provided that when R², R², R², R², R², R², R³, R 5 10 10 15 15 R4 and R5 are methoxy, R is not hydrogen or methoxy. In the following discussion of the process of the invention the symbols R through Re are to be regarded as defined as above unless there is a specific indication to the 20 contrary in the discussion. The compounds of the invention wherein R is hydrogen may be prepared by treating a compound of the formula Formula II with a hydrogen balide in a polar solvent such as acetic acid, warming the resulting 2-amino-4-halobenzazepine with water to provide a cyclic imide of the formula 25 Formula III 25 and selectively reducing the carbonyl groups adjacent the imido group in the compound of Formula III. Borane is a suitable reagent for use in reducing the carbonyl groups of the compound of Formula III. The compounds of the invention wherein R is hydrogen may also be prepared by 30 hydrogenating a compound of Formula II. The hydrogenation is preferably effected catalytically using Rancy nickel catalyst. The compounds of the invention wherein R is hydrogen and any of the sub-stituents R¹ through R¹ are lower alkyl, phenyl or phenyl lower alkyl may be prepared 35 by reacting an amine of the formula 35 Formula IV with a compound of the formula R*—SO₂X wherein R⁴ is an organic radical and X is halogen, reacting the corresponding sulfonsmide thus obtained with an ester of the -CH--COOALL 40 40 Formula V

wherein Alk is a hydrocarbon group and X is halogen, hydrolyzing the resulting ester, treating the acid thus obtained with a halogenating agent such as sulfonyl chloride to provide the corresponding acid halide, adding the scid halide to a cold suspension of alternature without the contraction of the scidents. aluminum trihalide to provide a benzazepinone of the formula

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selectively reducing the carbonyl group in the arepinone moiety of the compound of Formula VI and splitting off the radical R*—SO₂— therefrom.

p-Toluenesulfonyl chloride is prepared for use as the compound of the formula R*—SO₂X while ethylbromoacetate or appropriately substituted derivative thereof is preferred as the ester of Formula V.

Sodium borohydride is a preferred reagent for use in reducing selectively the carbonyl group in the compound of Formula VI.

The compounds of Formula I wherein R is other than hydrogen may be prepared by reacting such a compound in which R is hydrogen with a reagent which will replace the hydrogen with one of groups R other than hydrogen. Such reagents include compounds of the formulas RX and R—C: OX wherein R is other than hydrogen and X is halogen, as well as aldehydes and ketomes having at least three carbon atoms.

When a reagent of formula R-C: OX is used the carbonyl moiety is subsequently selective reduced to a methylene group. Lithium aluminum hydride is a preferred reagent for the reduction.

When an aldehyde of ketone is used as the reagent the double bond in the moiety attached to the nitrogen atom in the azepine ring of the product may be reduced. Sodium borohydride is preferred for the reduction.

Suitable changes can be made in the substituents R4 and R5 in compounds of Formula I by means apparent to those skilled in the art. In one embodiment of the process of the invention, compounds of Formula I wherein R is hydrogen and at least one of R and R is an alkony group, are treated with aqueous hydrogen halide, preferably the bromide, to cleave the alkony group and provide a corresponding hydroxy group. The cleavage may be effected before or after the reaction of the compound of Formula I with compounds of formulas RX and RC: OX or an aldehyde or a ketone as discussed above.

Being organic bases the above compounds readily form salts with organic or inorganic acids such as hydrochloric, maleic, tartaric, sulfuric, and other nontoxic

acids to form pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition saits.

Particularly satisfactory compounds from the point of view of analgesia and narcotic antagonism are compounds in which R4 and R4 are hydroxy or lower alkoxy.

The following Reaction Scheme A illustrates graphically two general techniques

for preparing a representative compound of Formula I wherein R is a hydrogen atom, one of R* and R* is a methoxy group and the other a hydrogen atom, substituents R* to Ra and Ra to Ra being hydrogen.